

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-23 are pending in this Application. In an interview held on June 8, 2007, it was agreed that claims when amended as provided herewith would overcome references cited in a final Office Action mailed March 27, 2007. Accordingly, Claims 1, 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23 have been amended as agreed upon in the interview of June 8, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lamartine et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,136,071) in view of Rounbehler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,249,904). It was agreed in the interview held June 8, 2007, that Lamartine does not teach or suggest calix[4]arene-nitrosonium complexes; Rounbehler does not teach nor suggest anything about calixarenes nor any complexation reaction with these compounds; Rounbehler does not teach anything about nitrosonium. Rounbehler teaches only about N-nitroso compounds (nitrosamines) which are compounds in which the nitroso group ($-N=O$) is attached to a nitrogen atom ($N-NO$) that is further attached to an R_1 and R_2 . Such compounds are not nitrosonium. Accordingly, one cannot combine the teachings of Rounbehler with Lamartine to make obvious Applicant's invention. Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Batelaan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,434,208) in view of either Holdcroft et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,561,030) or Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,605,236). In the interview held on June 8, 2007, it was agreed Batelaan does not teach or suggest calix[4]arene-nitrosonium complexes. Neither Holdcroft nor Smith teach or suggest anything about calixarenes nor any complexation reaction with these compounds. Holdcroft and Smith also each do not teach anything about nitrosonium. Accordingly, no combination of Holdcroft or Smith with Batelaan can be used to make obvious Applicant's invention.

Applicants again submit that no new matter has been introduced with this reply and no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search have been introduced with the amended claims set forth herewith. Amendments set forth herein are in agreement with those arrived at with the Examiner on June 8, 2007. In addition, they are in compliance with the rules for submitting a reply after final rejection under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Conclusion

In light of the remarks presented with this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims provided in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration for and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

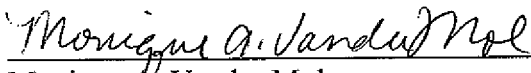
Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this response. If this is incorrect, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the additional fees, other than the issue fee, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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